

DRAFT MINUTES

California Environmental Education Interagency Network (CEEIN)

Date: October 20, 2005
Time: 9:30–11:30 am
Location: Resources Agency, 15th floor, Room 1506–12
Lead: Annie Kohut Frankel
Note taker: Nita Davidson
Facilitator: Zori Lozano-Friedrich



In Attendance

Annie Kohut Frankel, California Coastal Commission
Zori Lozano-Friedrich, State Water Resources Control Board
Kay Antunez, Department of Forestry & Fire Protection
Phaedra Bota, Boating and Waterways
Nita Davidson, Department of Pesticide Regulation
Tom Mays, State Water Resources Control Board
Terris Grimes, Department of Toxic Substances Control
Kathy Strickley, Department of Conservation
Rachelle Steen, California Integrated Waste Management Board
Carolyn Tucker, Department of Water Resources
Bobbie Winn, Department of Fish and Game
Celeste Royer (for CDE), California Regional Environmental Education Community
Kate DiRanna, The Walt Disney Company
Susan Knadle, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

AGENDA

	Item	Lead	Minutes
1.	Check-in and Catch-up <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome & Introductions• Review Agenda• Approve Minutes• Review Status of Action Items• Pass around new Calendar of Events	Annie and Zori	Agenda, September minutes, and action items distributed. Agenda changed slightly: Kate will report on Environmentality before other committee reports because she has to leave early. Minutes approved as written. Action items updated. Calendar of Events shared.
2.	Guest speaker	Martin LeBlanc, Sierra Club	During his teens, Martin was—as he put it—a self-indulgent punk who redeemed himself through an Outward Bound experience in Maine, then found the confidence to attend college, and the rest is history. He’s now director of the Sierra Club’s Inside the Outdoors program (http://www.sierraclub.org/insidetheoutdoors). The program supports outdoor environmental education for underserved youth in California, teaching principles of cooperation and conservation. Martin handed out a brochure and DVD on the program, and the executive summary of a study, <i>Effects of Outdoor Education Programs for Children of California</i> (link follows Minutes on p. 3). The 51-page study of 255 at-risk students found that those who attended a residential outdoor education program increased their math and science scores by 27 percent, as measured by pre- and post-program surveys. The study, administered by CDE, also found measurable improvements in self-esteem, cooperation, conflict resolution, and other social and personal skills. The study was initiated by legislation in 2003.

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			education curriculum designed through the Erase the Waste campaign, www.waterlessons.org .
5.	Meeting Wrap-Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarify Action Items* Pending Items/Parking Lot Develop November Meeting Agenda Evaluate Meeting 		Items for November Agenda (Host—Kathy Strickley): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tom—Partnership language Andrea—AB 1721 Kay and Vanessa—DTSC GIS—JCEC project Kay—CABE booth Sue and Kate—JCEC update Carolyn—Accomplishment reports Resources Agency members—sign up for 2006 meeting responsibilities

Link to *Effects of Outdoor Education Programs for Children of California*:
http://www.sierraclub.org/insidetheoutdoors/downloads/outdoorschool_finalreport.pdf

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Meeting Evaluation Summary

Overall rating = **3.7** (based on a scale of 1 to 5, 5 being high) (9 evaluations submitted)

What went well

- Martin LeBlanc's presentation was great!
- Good dialog with guest and about CEEIN issues
- The speaker was wonderful!! Excellent information and ensuing conversation among members.
- Glad Martin LeBlanc could finally attend.
- Good speaker.
- Good discussion with Sierra Club program.
- Thank you for starting and ending on time.
- Sierra Club dialog was very productive. We should entertain other outside parties whenever possible to explore external partnerships.
- Delicious bagels!

General Comments

- Focus wavered a few times
- Tight schedule

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